Adhoc Promotion to the Post of E.E. in CPWD

2466. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an AE (Civil) in CPWD, promoted on ad hoc basis to the grade of EE against sactioned strength is not regularised even after a period of 15 years of service, due to non-availability of their quota;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while regularising such adhoc EE, the seniority since officiating as a EE, is not given although there is no gap in service; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to relax the quota rule under rule 23 of Recruitment Rules, 1954 of EE in CPWD, so that ad hoc promotions are stopped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of the Recruitment Rules, the post of Executive Engineer in the CPWD is filled up by promotion from the grades of Assistant Executive Engineer (Group-A), Assistant Engineer (Group-B). From 1.4.72 to 31.3.84 the quota of promotion of Asstt. Executive Engineer and Assistant Engineer was 1 : 1 and from 1.4.84 till date it is 2 : 1. Due to continued non-availability of Assistant Executive Engineers to fill up their quota, the vacancies in the grade of Executive Engineer falling to the quota of Assistant Executive Engineer are filled up on ad hoc basis by promotion of Assistant Engineers. In accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court in the case of P.S. Mahal & Others in 1984, the seniority of Assistant Executive Engineer and Assistant engineer on promotion as executive Engineer will count from the date they are absorbed in their quota. As such, the service rendered by Assistnat Engineers, as Executive Engineer on ad hoc basis prior to their regular promotion is not counted for seniority.

(c) It is proposed to revised the Recruitmant Rules for the post of Executive Engineer with a view to avoid such ad hoc promotions in future.

Rural Electrification

2467. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages brought under electrification by the end of the 7th Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the progress made in that direction so far during 8th Five Year Plan period, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to achieve the target fixed in that regard for 8th Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) As per 1981 Census 4,70,838 inhabited villages were electrified by the end of Seventh Plan. State-wise details are given in statement (*see* below).

(b) During the first four years of the Eight Five Year Plan 14,614 inhabited villages are reported to have been electrified. State-wise details are also given in statement (*see* below).

(c) Rural Electrification is a continuing process and targets for electrification are fixed on year to year basis. During the first four years against the target of electrification of 14,672 villages, 14,614 villages have been electrified representing a marginal shortfall of 48 villages.

Statement

Statewise Details of Villages Electrified upto VII Plan and During VIII Plan Period

Sl. No.	States	Villages electrified as on 31.3.90	Villages electrified during first four years of 8th Plan 1992-96
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	27358	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1361	645
3.	Assam	20984	423
4.	Bihar	46195	565
5.	Goa	377	
6.	Gujarat	17892	
7.	Haryana	6745	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	16761	
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6117	104
10.	Karnataka	26483	
11.	Kerala	1219	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	60027	2878
13.	Maharashtra	39106	
14.	Manipur	1257	379
15.	Meghalaya	2170	92
16.	Mizoram	407	210
17.	Nagaland	1099	
18.	Orissa	30086	1389
19.	Punjab	12342	
20.	Rajasthan	26178	2849
21.	Sikkim	363	
22.	Tamil Nadu	15813	
23.	Tripura	2628	565
24.	Uttar Pradesh	80358	3330
25.	West Bengal	26392	1185
	SUB-TOTAL	469718	14614
	UTs	1120	0
	GRAND TOTAL	470838	14614

Identification and allotment of Land for LPG Showrooms/Godowns

2468. DR. B.B. DUTTA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Questions 840 and 491 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd June, 1995 and the 18th July, 1996, respectively, and state:

(a) what specific steps have been taken to identify and allot land for showrooms and godowns to holders of L.O.I. from I.O.C. for distributorship of L.P.G. during the last three years;

(b) what precise steps have been taken so far in respect of each LOI holder for identification and allotment of such land during the same period; and

(c) the reasons for the delay?